

vice president of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County and continues to be a member of the Urban League, as well as a lifetime member of the NAACP.

Dr. Finlayson is truly a Milwaukee trailblazer, consistently fighting for equality in the State of Wisconsin. Recently, the Milwaukee road that was formerly North 5th Street was renamed Dr. William Finlayson Street in his honor. At 98 years old, Dr. Finlayson continues to have a tremendous impact on so many families in Milwaukee. His legacy and advice will live on due to the insurmountable barriers that he set out to shatter. His advice for the younger generations consists of, "I think the key is learning. Learn as much as you can, do as much as you can." I am pleased to join others in recognizing Dr. Finlayson's success and contributions to the people of Milwaukee, our State, and our Nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO HARVEY LEWIS STEIN

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate a constituent of mine, Annapolis resident Harvey Lewis Stein, whose inspiration, vision, and perseverance were singularly responsible for construction of the Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy. The facility is named for Levy (1792–1862), the first Jewish commodore in the U.S. Navy who was famous for refusing to flog his men, choosing to lead through inspiration, not intimidation. The Levy Center is centrally located between Mitscher Hall, where midshipmen eat together three times a day, and Bancroft Hall, where all 4,400 of them live. It contains a 410-seat synagogue, a kosher kitchen, a fellowship hall, a character learning center, classrooms, and offices for the brigade's social director, the academic board, and the academy's honor board. It is stunningly beautiful, designed by internationally renowned architect Joseph A. Boggs.

When the U.S. Naval Academy was founded in 1845, all midshipmen were required to attend Christian worship services. It was not until 1938 that the academy allowed Jewish midshipmen to attend a local synagogue—Congregation Kneset—on Sunday to worship their own faith. In 1981, the academy opened an All-Faith Chapel, which provided worship space for Christians and Jews alike. This chapel included an Ark, a Torah reading table, and storage for prayer books and other religious articles. Catholic midshipmen used this chapel to celebrate daily Mass. While this chapel was a great improvement over the other spaces offered for Jewish worship, it too presented problems, particularly with regard to seating. It often proved too small for services

celebrating major holidays and life-cycle events.

Still, the Jewish program grew, and a full-time Jewish chaplain joined the academy's complement of chaplains in 1986. The need for a dedicated Jewish chapel was not just based on space constraints, however. There was a need to show the public, including the Navy, that Jews do serve in the military and have done so in every American conflict since pre-Colonial days. In addition, Jewish middies needed the resources to enhance their identity, both religiously and culturally.

Supporters of a Jewish chapel created the Friends of the Jewish Chapel—FOJC—to provide programs for Jewish midshipmen and support the needs of the rabbi. CDR Howard Pinskey, SC, USN (Ret), a 1962 academy graduate, became the FOJC's first president. He navigated the organization through its earliest days of development and became the cheerleader who bridged the divide between the birth of a fledgling Jewish community and the opportunities that awaited its growth.

Many people worked for many years on the project, but one person had the skill and tenacity to see it through to completion. In 1994, Harvey Stein envisioned a dedicated house for Jewish worship, as well as a social hall for sharing communal dinners, holding classes, enhancing Jewish culture, examining ethics, and bringing together students of all faiths to congregate, study, engage, and socialize.

To proceed, Mr. Stein had to bring the Naval Academy and the Department of the Navy on board, find a building site, design the building, and raise the necessary funding. Mr. Stein was part of the group that successfully appealed to the academy's administration and the Secretary of the Navy, obtaining a letter of intent and then a letter of commitment. Then, Mr. Stein became instrumental in providing the FOJC with its necessary 501 (c) (3) status which allowed FOJC to begin the fund raising process.

Mr. Stein, a successful entrepreneur who founded the home decor and merchandise firm HLD, is a team-builder who skillfully cultivated an effective group of volunteers and professional men and women to champion the Jewish chapel's cause. Through his tenacity, he found ways to navigate the hurdles that seemed to block the way to success. He cultivated relationships with military personnel and civilians who knew how to weave their way through the labyrinth of bureaucracy to a successful end. He encouraged good work by setting an example through his own energy and work ethic. He opened his heart, his office, and his home to the project. Most importantly, he trusted his team, and in return, more than 3,000 donors from three countries lent their financial, legal, spiritual, military, and political support to the Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel. The Levy Center cost \$8.0 million to design,

build, and furnish. Military construction funds totaled \$1.8 million; private donations the FOJC raised covered the balance. Today, this magnificent building stands as a mitzvah and a testament to one man's resolve that failure was never an option.●

REMEMBERING JOHN P. CONNELLY

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the life and career of John P. Connelly, longtime National Fisheries Institute president and CEO. John succumbed to cancer on November 20, but not before leaving a profound mark on the commercial seafood industry that is so dear to us in Alaska.

Following service in the U.S. Navy—including Active-Duty service as an officer in the Navy's destroyer fleet—John joined the American Chemistry Council, where he rose to become ACC's corporate secretary. In 2003, he was named president and CEO of the National Fisheries Institute. In nearly two decades of leadership at NFI, he joined with many of us in the Senate in tackling the priority issues confronting American seafood producers and the fisheries they rely on—from vital legislation such as the 2007 Magnuson-Stevens reauthorization legislation and the 2011 Food Safety Modernization Act, to ensuring that Federal nutrition guidance reflects the science regarding the value of seafood consumption and utilizing trade agreements to open key markets to seafood exporters from Alaska and elsewhere. On his watch, commercial seafood producers made sustainability the core of their operations. On issue after issue, he brought disparate players together in what often can be a fractious industry, driving concrete progress where others' efforts had stalled.

While at NFI, John Connelly held leadership roles with the NOAA Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation; the International Coalition of Fisheries Associations; the "FISH" for Crewmembers social responsibility standard; the Seafood Industry Research Fund; and many others. In October 2022, the Global Seafood Alliance awarded him the Wallace R. Stevens Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his "leadership, integrity, and commitment to responsibility."

As is so often the case, however, it was not the plaques on the wall that made John Connelly effective. He was known to many in the seafood world, including to my staff and me, as a warm, engaging person who always wanted to learn about the people he met before delving into business. John loved sharing and swapping stories—the funnier the better—and as any Alaskan will tell you, fishing and storytelling go hand in hand. What a wonderful match between a leader and the industry he chose to serve.

To paraphrase Lincoln, I know nothing I say on the floor today can beguile

John's wife of 36 years, Margaret, or their four children, from the grief they are more than entitled to feel at the untimely loss of a dear husband and father. I do hope, nevertheless, that this brief tribute will leave the Connelly family—and all those who benefited from his service to the seafood industry—with the solace of knowing how valuable that service was to our Nation. John Connelly will be missed by many in my State and by so many in the industry he loved.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:44 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 450. An act to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley.

S. 2333. An act to amend chapter 2205 of title 36, United States Code, to ensure equal treatment of athletes, and for other purposes.

S. 2834. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers under the Medicare program.

S. 3168. An act to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to modify the enforceability date for certain provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 3308. An act to authorize the Colorado River Indian Tribes to enter into lease or exchange agreements and storage agreements relating to water of the Colorado River allocated to the Colorado River Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 4411. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5302 Galveston Road in Houston, Texas, as the "Vanessa Guillen Post Office Building".

S. 4926. An act to amend chapter 33 of title 28, United States Code, to require appropriate use of multidisciplinary teams for investigations of child sexual exploitation or abuse, the production of child sexual abuse material, or child trafficking conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

S. 5016. An act to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Anchorage, Alaska, as the "Colonel Mary Louise Rasmuson Campus of the Alaska VA Healthcare System", and for other purposes.

S. 5066. An act to designate Mount Young in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 5168. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to include aliens passing in transit through the United States to board a vessel on which the alien will perform ship-to-ship liquid cargo transfer operations within a class of nonimmigrant aliens, and for other purposes.

S. 5329. An act to amend the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act to improve the program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1917) to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 1:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 7. An act to make a technical amendment to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes.

S. 558. An act to establish a national integrated flood information system within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 789. An act to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians.

S. 1466. An act to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a regional program to assess, monitor, and benefit the hydrology of saline lakes in the Great Basin and the migratory birds and other wildlife dependent on those habitats, and for other purposes.

S. 1687. An act to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, and for other purposes.

S. 2607. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the former hostages of the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979–1981, highlighting their resilience throughout the unprecedented ordeal that they lived through and the national unity it produced, marking 4 decades since their 444 days in captivity, and recognizing their sacrifice to the United States.

S. 2899. An act to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to address deficiencies and make necessary upgrades to the security camera and radio systems of the Bureau of Prisons to ensure the health and safety of employees and inmates.

S. 2991. An act to establish a Department of Homeland Security Center for Countering Human Trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 3846. An act to reauthorize the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, and for other purposes.

S. 3905. An act to prevent organizational conflicts of interest in Federal acquisition, and for other purposes.

S. 4003. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for training on alternatives to use of force, de-escalation, and mental and behavioral health and suicidal crises.

S. 5230. An act to increase accessibility to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, to facilitate data sharing between such system and the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 441. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and the conveyance of certain property to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium located in Anchorage, Alaska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 478. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes.

H.R. 681. An act for the relief of Rebecca Trimble.

H.R. 785. An act for the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, and Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso.

H.R. 2724. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for peer support specialists for claimants who are survivors of military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3285. An act to amend gendered terms in Federal law relating to the President and the President's spouse.

H.R. 4250. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to

provide for rewards for the arrest or conviction of certain foreign nationals who have committed genocide or war crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4881. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5943. An act to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Lance Corporal Dana Cornell Darnell VA Clinic".

H.R. 5961. An act to make revisions in title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code.

H.R. 5973. An act to reauthorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6064. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a review of examinations, furnished by the Secretary, to individuals who submit claims to the Secretary for compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code, for mental and physical conditions linked to military sexual trauma.

H.R. 6427. An act to amend the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Act to modify the boundary of the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6604. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the method by which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines the effects of a closure or disapproval of an educational institution on individuals who do not transfer credits from such institution.

H.R. 6961. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve hearings before the Board of Veterans' Appeals regarding claims involving military sexual trauma.

H.R. 7181. An act to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to direct the Secretary of Transportation to seek to provide for the posting of contact information of the national human trafficking hotline in the restrooms of each aircraft, airport, over-the-road bus, bus station, passenger train, and passenger railroad station operating within the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7299. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to obtain an independent cybersecurity assessment of information systems of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7335. An act to improve coordination between the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration with respect to claims for compensation arising from military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7735. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the appraisal requirements for certain loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8260. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to shorten the timeframe for designation of benefits under Department of Veterans Affairs life insurance programs, to improve the treatment of undisbursed life insurance benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER) had signed the following enrolled bills: